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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Phuong Phu	2611	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/4/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6,7,10,12 and 13.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed on 10/4/06.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Jeanette Harms on 10/12/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

-In claim 12, line 9, a phrase --hopping according to a determined hopping sequence-- is inserted after the limitation "frequency hopping interferer".

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. Claims 6, 7, 10, 12 and 13 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

-Regarding to independent claim 6, none of prior art of record teaches or suggests a method comprising procedure of decoding a plurality of encoded data bits in a manner de-emphasizing a subset of the plurality of encoded data bits, the de-emphasizing being based on an estimate of the likelihood of the subset having been received correctly wherein the estimate is determined based upon known training patterns to determine which bits will be undesirable, wherein the training patterns are received and examined to find a statistics of errors.

-Regarding to independent claim 7, none of prior art of record teaches or suggests a method comprising procedure of decoding a plurality of encoded data bits in a manner de-emphasizing a subset of the plurality of encoded data bits, the de-emphasizing being based on an estimate of the likelihood of the subset having been received correctly wherein the estimate is determined based upon an error rate among training patterns.

-Regarding to independent claim 10, none of prior art of record teaches or suggests a method comprising procedure of decoding a plurality of encoded data bits in a manner de-emphasizing a subset of the plurality of encoded data bits, the de-emphasizing being based on an estimate of the likelihood of the subset having been received correctly wherein the estimate is determined based upon checking a SNR of each of a plurality of bins and weighting accordingly using Maximum Likelihood criteria, derived from before and after decoding.

-Regarding to independent claim 12, none of prior art of record teaches or suggests a method comprising procedure of decoding a plurality of encoded data bits in a manner de-emphasizing a subset of the plurality of encoded data bits, the de-emphasizing being based on an estimate of the likelihood of the subset having been received correctly wherein the estimate is determined based upon a change to a determined frequency hopping interferer hopping according to a determined hopping sequence.

-Regarding to independent claim 13, none of prior art of record teaches or suggests a method comprising procedure of decoding a plurality of encoded data bits in a manner de-emphasizing a subset of the plurality of encoded data bits, the de-emphasizing being based on an estimate of the likelihood of the subset having been received correctly wherein the estimate is

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determined based upon interpolating frequency bins selected for puncturing based on frequency offset estimation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuong Phu whose telephone number is 571-272-3009. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 AM - 4:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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